City of Tukwila, Washington Public Workshop #3 On Tukwila Urban Center Plan

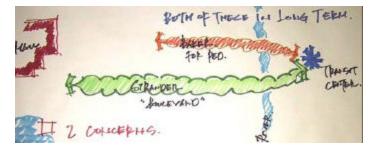
Summary of Public Comments

Embassy Suites Hotel September 15, 2003 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The input received at the workshop – from both verbal and written comments – is summarized below.

Workshop Comments:

- Create connections to the transit center both on Strander and Baker Boulevards in the long term. Strander will be mainly for vehicles and Baker for pedestrians.
- Really like both alternatives. Want to do both of these concepts.
- Keep going with these two concepts!
- Love Mall to Pond connection better. It makes the TUC core





- more special. Hope the Westfield will expand toward the Tukwila Pond. The Tukwila Pond should be a focus of the TUC core. The Pond has to change dramatically. (Many participants supported the Mall to Pond connection.)
- Either overpass or underpass across Strander for the north-south connection between the Mall and Pond may mitigate traffic congestion.
- Indoor space could be considered instead of the open linear connections for the TUC Core because of rainy weather in Tukwila.

- The distance from the esplanade to the Tukwila Pond is a concern. It seems too close to protect vegetation and provide a panoramic view of the Pond. Check the distance again.
- Do not develop the Tukwila Pond.
 The Tukwila Pond should be kept as the Pacific North West kind of amenity. Keep the distance from the Tukwila Pond to surrounding developments.
- Do Pond to Mall linkage! Invest most money to this improvement.
- Improve Southcenter Parkway and S. 180 through signage guidelines - requires minimum investment.
- Which changes are better, big public changes or incremental changes? It should be between these two, since neither Mizner Park nor Santana Row is commercially successful.
- Focus not only on the pond but also on the river. Make the river more recreational and introduce cafes, office parks and housing.
- H-shape structure composed by Strander Boulevard, Mall-Pond connection and the Green River is important. The Mall-Pond connection and river should provide different activities.
- Station should be located on Baker in both alternatives. It can have a better connection to the housing in the TOD area.
- Both concepts are great, but mall owner will not control anybody else's properties. The issue is who do first, either the mall or city.
- Need to project how much Tukwila will grow to determine how much housing is necessary in the future. Currently, there are 17,000 people.
- Like Southcenter Parkway median concept. Do not take out any functional convenience for retail.
- Median on Southcenter Parkway will cause a visibility issue.
- Taking out a left-turn lane from Southcenter Parkway will reduce the capacity.

